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Knews And Komments

Post Office retail window hours will be reduced in the six-county southeastern Michigan area an average of four hours per week, beginning February 13, in an effort to save \$2,657,000 in the U.S. Postal Service's Detroit Division.

The reduction is necessary, say postal officials, because of the recently adopted Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, requiring the USPS to reduce operational spending nationally by \$160 million this year and \$270 million the next year.

USPS will also eliminate collection from street drop boxes and mail processing of outgoing mail on Sunday. Mail that is normally collected on Sunday and cancelled is minimal, said Horne. The Postal Service will continue to process incoming mail for regular delivery on Monday.

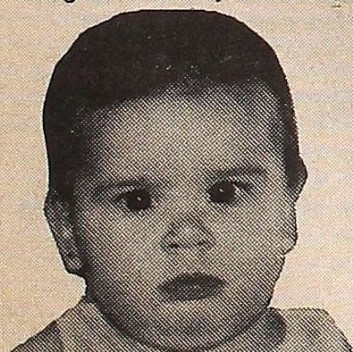
"Our major concern is for our customers," said Horne. "We know that some people may be inconvenienced by the changed hours, but we hope they will also understand our difficult position."

According to Donna Hoevenmeyer, Romulus Postmaster, the new window hours at the Romulus Post Office will be Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For your convenience, the outer lobby hours will remain in effect for access to post office boxes and purchases from vending machines.

Operating hours for acceptance and pickup of Express Mail, the premium overnight service, will remain the same. Your important overnight shipment may be taken to the service door as usual.

Postal convenience centers are located throughout the City in shopping malls, most Farmer Jack supermarkets, Meijer's, etc.

Romulus residents are also reminded that, because Washington's Birthday, February 15, is a national holiday, all post offices will be closed that day and there will be no delivery. Mail processing and collections will be on a regular holiday basis. □



Francesca Otilia Ward celebrated her first birthday on February 8, and her Grandma Hicks sends birthday wishes!

Male Dancers To Invade Romulus?

by D. A. Atkins

The Romulus City Council has approved a license for entertainment for the Silver Bullet Bar, located at Five Points in Romulus.

Normally, that would not present a problem for any city, especially a city that is in need of entertainment. But with one topless bar already sitting in the middle of Downtown Romulus, why would the Council approve a license for a bar to provide entertainment that consists of male dancers?

The citizens of this city have raised their eyebrows and tempers enough about topless women; what will they have to say about topless and (nearly) bottomless male dancers?

While it is true that the Landing Strip's owner, Tom Nappo, has at least moved his entertainment upstairs so that it is not so readily visible to any minors who possibly might make it in as far as the front door, the important question (to many residents) is — what is this town coming to?

There surely will be women who'll be pleased that male dancers are invading the City, just as there are cer-

tainly men who are tickled to death that there are topless females here.

Anna, one of the owners of the Silver Bullet, said that there would only be male dancers at the bar maybe "twice a year," with the majority of the entertainment being comprised of psychics, magicians, and music bands. (The Silver Bullet presently has a live band on the weekends that plays '50s music.)

According to an investigative report delivered to Council by the Romulus Police, the male dancers would appear only during hunting season. Which one? Deer? Rabbit? Could it be Bear? Pheasant? Possibly something else Two-Legged? 'Hunting season' could mean almost anything.

What ever happened to the real entertainment that we have had in the past — entertainment like that now found at the new P.J.'s Distillery? P.J.'s has the live music of a band called 'Horizon' every Wednesday through Saturday. This band plays everything from Bob Seger to Hank Williams, Jr. The band members are neatly dressed, know their music, and entertain the

audience (which consists of both men and women). The club owners also intend to add two banquet rooms to their present bar, plus a patio outside for good entertainment under the stars in the summer months. They plan on having a Chicago baseball diamond so that customers can play games.

Everyone knows that whatever brings in the money is what is going to be happening. If the male dancers are successful, it is very likely that they will stay — if not at the Silver Bullet, then probably somewhere else.

City Council has the right to approve or disapprove this type of action, based on what it perceives to be the best interest of the City. (Mary Ann Banks, by the way, was the only Councilman to vote against the request.) The City Charter *permits* Council to allow certain things, but it does not *require* that they be allowed — it leaves the decision up to Council.

I wonder what the City Council will approve next? □

Gear's Display at Art Show

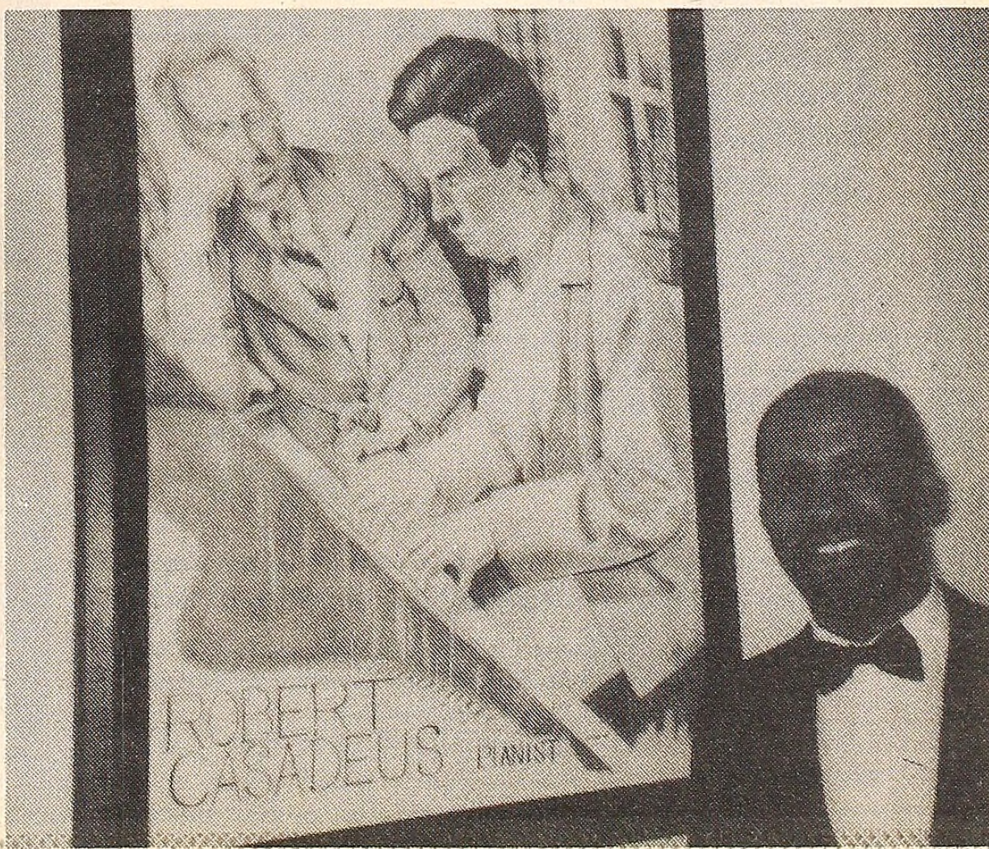
The Detroit Art Teachers Association has put on a terrific art show called *Datavisions, '88*. *Visions* opened on February 6 at the Michigan Gallery, 2661 Michigan Avenue (one mile west of Tiger Stadium), and will run until Saturday, February 13.

One of the exhibitors in the *Visions* show is Detroit art teacher/Romulus Councilman Randy Gear. Randy's pencil rendering of French pianist Robert Casadeus, titled *Tradition*, is displayed along with the work of 35 different artists of the Detroit area. The media and styles represented include computer art, sculpture, abstract painting, and photography.

In the accompanying photo, Randy stands next to the drawing he submitted. He said that the high point of the opening, for him, came about when some of the patrons of the gallery recognized Robert Casadeus. They had purchased his classical recordings, and two of the people actually knew him personally and had attended his concerts in Detroit during the 1940s and '50s.

Casadeus was born in Paris in 1899, and made his first American concert

appearance in January, 1935. He made his permanent home in Princeton, NJ.



To My Valentine

by D. A. Atkins

Most people, at this time of year, like to send their sweetheart a Valentine greeting, and I am not much different than they are. I like to tell my wife how she is the arrow that struck the center of my heart, or how hard I chased her until she finally caught me. I like to tease her about many things, but about how much I love her, I would never tease.

But you see, I have more than just one Valentine. Actually, I have many. I'm going to tell you about them all, one by one, so that, by the time you finish reading this, you may realize that you, too, have more than one Valentine.

My wife: My wife is also my best friend, and is the absolute light of my life, beyond any comprehension. She is the pleasure and safety I sought for so many years; she is the part of my life that makes it worth living, regardless of how good or bad things are.

My children: Mickey, Lisa, Jalaina and Kristi all have their faults, just as most young people do, but nevertheless, they are the brightest of shining stars in the universe, and cast a light and warmth that saturates the soul with the glistening aura of love that comes only from your children.

My grandchildren: What can be said about the pure love that emanates from the soul of a 16-month-old boy? That boy is my first-born grandson, Christopher Michael. I was in the de-

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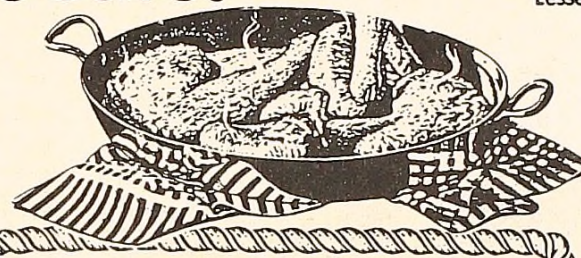
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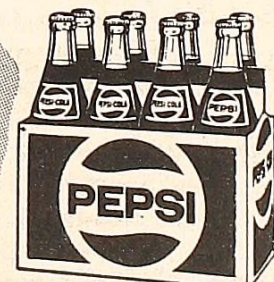
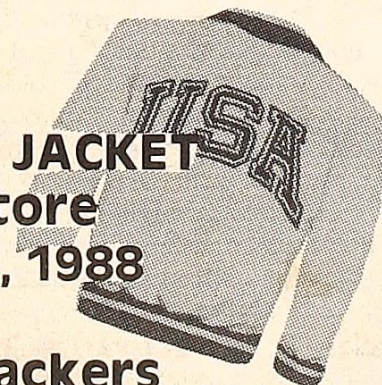
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Rep. Kosteva Proposes Property-Tax Reform

On January 26, 1988, State Representative James A. Kosteva (D-Canton) announced that he would introduce legislation to cut property taxes and reform Michigan's school finance system to reduce the spending inequities among school districts in the State.

Rep. Kosteva testified on his 'Tri-Star' — Total Reform in School Taxes and Revenues — plan before the House Special Committee on Property Tax and School Finance on January 27 in the first-floor conference room of the Roosevelt Building.

"Tri Star is different from any of the other proposals in that it pays for itself without closing loopholes, taking General Fund dollars from elsewhere, or shifting the burden for school finance from business to individuals," said Rep. Kosteva. In addition, he said, "it will *not* mean windfalls for some districts and drastic cuts for others. It begins with the existing per-pupil expenditures for in and out of formula districts and then closes the gap over time.

The plan would reduce school operating property taxes by 50% State wide, and replace the revenue by increasing the sales tax by two percent, from four percent to six percent, with exemptions for food, drugs and utilities, Rep. Kosteva said. It provides a constitutional guarantee that the average Michigan school district would receive a minimum annual increase at least equal to the rate of inflation. School districts would maintain 'local control' over the use of these funds. It also guarantees, in the Constitution, that school taxes may go no higher than 20 mills for residents.

"There are many ways in which our schools could be improved," said Rep. Kosteva, "but the first priority of this Legislature must be to address and begin to correct an educational system in which the quality of a child's education is too dependent upon where they are born and raised. Once funding inequities are addressed, we can move on to improve the quality of education received by every Michigan student. Districts can't challenge for excellence from a disadvantaged position."

Rep. Kosteva said that his plan is unique because it corrects the "fundamental unfairness" of the current system without penalizing wealthy school districts.

"Tri Star avoids the disruption of existing programs that would be caused by many other proposals," said Rep. Kosteva. "It will not require wealthy districts to immediately ask for millage

increases simply to maintain their current programs. In fact, it will reduce the frequency of local millage elections state wide.

"Michigan's school finance problems did not develop overnight, and will not be solved overnight. My plan is a balanced, rational, first step that will solve the inequity over time," Kosteva concluded. "Both the number of disadvantaged school districts and the amount of their disadvantage would be lesser each year."

Legislature Eliminates 'Kiddie Tax'

State lawmakers have repealed a new provision of Michigan tax law that would have required children to pay taxes on any yearly income over \$1 if they are listed as dependents on their parents' return. The legislative action clarifies that any yearly income of \$1,500 or less is exempt from Michigan taxes. The 'kiddie tax' requirement was altered to make it consistent with the new Federal system, which prevents parents from hiding assets in their children's bank accounts.

State 'Review Seal' for Medicare Supplemental Policies Proposed

A bill has been introduced in the House that would create a Michigan 'seal of review' for insurance policies. The seal is intended to help consumers, especially older people, determine if an offered policy meets certain cost and benefits standards, and is regulated by the Michigan government.

New Recreation Fund to Aid More Outdoor Activities

The Michigan Recreation Fund has been created by recently signed legislation, and it will direct about two percent of the State gasoline tax revenues to existing and future outdoor recreation facilities. In a typical year, the Fund will receive \$12.8 million, with 80% of that amount directed to waterways projects, 14% to establish and maintain snowmobile trails and the remainder used for trails and facilities for cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hiking and other activities.

Bills Would Register Appliance Dealers

Proposed legislation in the House would establish a State-wide registration system for individuals and businesses that repair major home appliances. Backers of the bill say similar registration systems in other states helped eliminate appliance repair businesses that overcharge customers or fail to complete necessary repair work. The bill would authorize the State to revoke the registration of businesses

that continued fraudulent practices. Controls Suggested for Marketing of Insurance for Seniors

Bills now before the House would require Medicare supplemental and long-term care insurance policies to include a plain-language explanation of a potential buyer's current Medicare benefits and what specific expenses the new policies will cover. Supporters of the legislation say it will help stop Michigan seniors from buying insurance coverage that is unnecessary or inadequate.

Computer Software Sales Now Subject to Tax

A new State law includes computer software sold through retail outlets in the Michigan sales and use tax. The taxes will not be imposed on software that is designed exclusively for the purchaser or on charges for specific technical support services or modification.

Bills Propose New Tactics Against Shoplifters

A package of bills now being considered in the House would allow more effective action against shoplifters. Under the proposed laws, store owners could make a warrantless arrest of a person suspected of 'retail theft,' a new category of offense that includes stealing, price-tag switching, and attempting to refund or exchange stolen items. Store owners could also take a person suspected of retail theft to court to recover the cost of the missing items.

New Law Establishes Child Support Court-Form Requirements

A new State law requires the State's Friend of the Court offices to make printed forms available to persons who want to modify court-ordered child-support payments. The forms would be used by both the person making the payments and the person receiving them, to enable either party to request a modification hearing without the aid of an attorney.

House Committee Studying School Finance Proposals

A special House committee is reviewing several proposals to alter the State's property-tax system of school financing. The House committee members are examining the various proposals in order to develop a legislative consensus on the issue. Changes in the tax system would ultimately have to be approved by Michigan voters in a general election.

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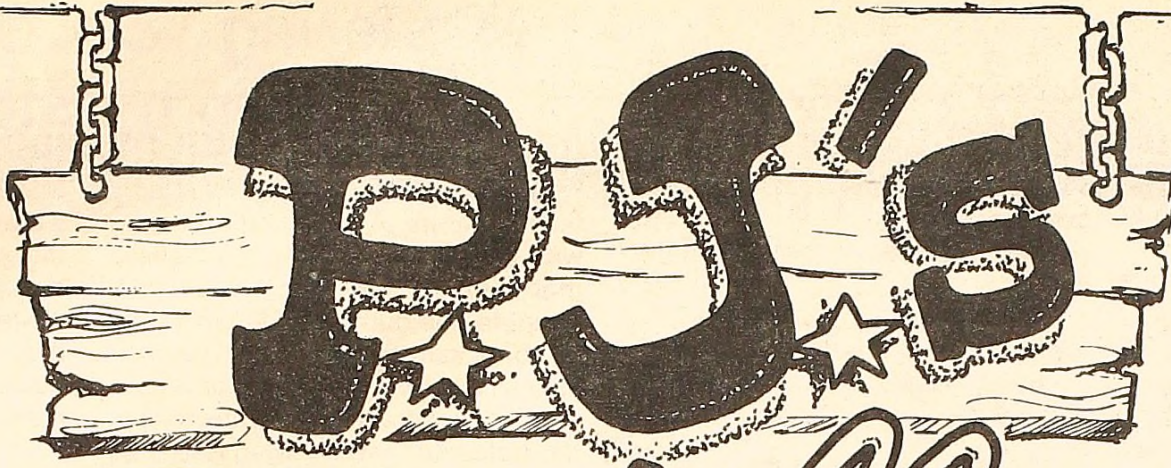
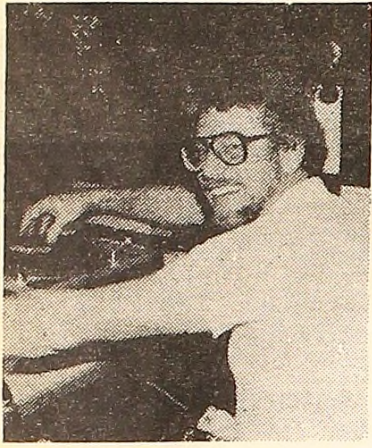


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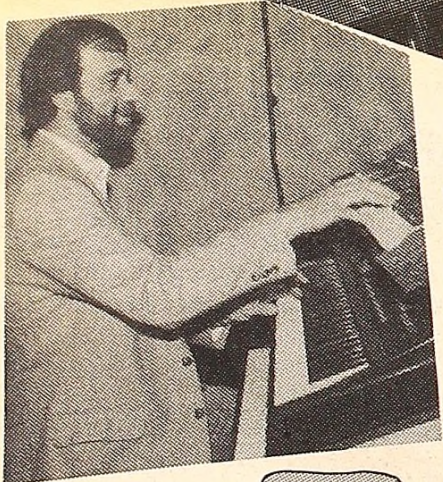
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by Dan Elwart, D.C.

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Fact: It is important to have your children's spines checked before their bones mature.

Fact: It makes more sense to try something that 'puts nothing in your body, nor takes anything out of it' first.

Fact: It makes sense to try surgery last.

Fact: You may be suffering needlessly.

Fact: The plan is still working ... thanks! □

Mother/Son Valentine Dance

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by attending a dance with your little Valentine(s)?

Spend an evening with your best fellows on Thursday, February 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the North Junior High School. There will be dancing, punch and cookies, a flower for that special lady, and a unique gift to remember that special evening.

If Mom can't attend, maybe grandma, aunt, or even big sister can. If you have more than one son, terrific — you can bring them all!

You can register at the Recreation Building, 36515 Bibbins, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. beginning Monday, February 1, 1988. The cost is only \$3.50 for Mom and her Valentine, or \$5 if more than one son attends the event. (Registration is limited to the first 200 reservations — for more information, call 942-6852.) □



Harriet Tubman



Martin Luther King



George Washington Carver

Mastering Your Computer Step by Step

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

I'd like to start off this column by telling you its purpose. After dealing with people over the years, I realized that many of them had made an attempt to find out what computers are all about, only to fail. It would be interesting to know how many people have their computers hiding somewhere in their closets, never having seen the light of day since the day of purchase. What I'd like to accomplish is to help you learn about computers, get you over the fear of using one, and then guide you through some of the benefits of having one.

First off, get that computer out of the closet, dust it off, and hook it up. It won't bite you or replace you. In fact, a computer is just a tool for you to use to your benefit, just as you would use a ruler, pencil, or calculator. It isn't the answer to all of your problems, nor should it be. *You* are still needed to think, and to apply the information that it gives you.

After having trained people in the use of computers, I find that a new computer user's main problem is trying to learn too much too quickly. He buys this wonderful machine, along with several pieces of software (instructions that tell the computer what you want it to do), takes it home, and expects to be able to master it the first night. Let's get something straight — no matter how 'friendly' the computer salesman says your computer is, *you still have to learn how to use it*. You are still going to have to *invest some time*. You are going to have to *learn some new things*. But you are going to have a new tool that can help you in many ways.

Remember when you learned to

drive? You had to take the time to learn. It was scary at first; there were so many things to learn and do that it seemed almost impossible. Yet, here you are, driving without any more thought than it takes to tie your shoe! (I know it takes thought, but I'm trying to make a point.)

Your lesson for today: *learn one thing well*.

If you are having problems hooking the computer up, then get out that manual, read it s-l-o-w-l-y, follow it step by step, and hook it up. You say that your manual is leaving something out? Then use *your* head. Look at the connections; try to get someone that knows computers to help you.

If you're having problems with a certain program, then get out the manual, read it s-l-o-w-l-y, follow it step by step, and *learn one thing well*.

People that know computers learned the same way ... *one thing at a time*.

It sounds simple, and it is. Conquer one step before trying another.

Your lesson for tomorrow: *learn another thing well*. □

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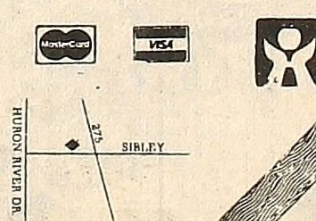
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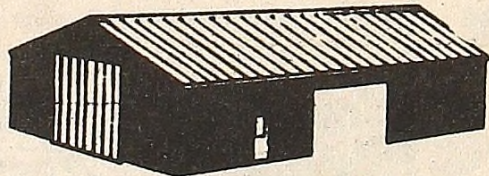
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Rheumatoid Arthritis

This reprint from Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information was submitted by J. H. Barden, D.O.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a disease marked by painful, swollen, and inflamed joints. It is the type of disorder that can be severely painful at times and almost non-existent and symptom-free at others. At its worst, this type of arthritis can be crippling. However, if treatment is sought early and followed consistently, disability can be prevented in most cases. Even though your symptoms may be painful and disturbing, rheumatoid arthritis need not interfere with your daily life. The more you know about the disease, the better equipped you will be to work with your doctor.

About seven million people in the United States have rheumatoid arthritis, and three quarters of them are women. As a rule, the disease occurs between the ages of 25 and 50, but it can start at any age. Approximately 75% of people with rheumatoid arthritis improve with treatment during the first year of the disease.

Origins

No one knows exactly what causes rheumatoid arthritis or how to prevent it. It is clear, though, that the immune system, which normally protects the body from disease, is involved. For some unknown reason, this system sometimes attacks the joints and causes them to become inflamed.

Rheumatoid arthritis may affect the entire body as well as the joints. It is this feature that often distinguishes it from the most common form of arth-

ritis, osteoarthritis, which affects only the joints and seems to be caused by wear and tear on the joint tissues.

Common Features

The first symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis may be vague. You probably had a general feeling of being ill that may have been accompanied by fatigue and perhaps a loss of appetite. It is only later on that the classic symptoms of this disease — joint pain, stiffness, swelling, and redness — appear.

The most common joints to become inflamed are those of the hands and feet. However, all other joints, including the wrists, knees, ankles, and neck, may also be affected.

Besides being red and swollen, your joints may also be warm to the touch. Stiffness usually occurs in the morning or after any extended period of resting or sitting still. As the joints are used, the stiffness gradually subsides and is usually gone after 30 minutes or so.

Because stiff, painful joints require much more effort to move than normal ones, you may be more fatigued than the average person. In addition, because the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis come and go, you may tend to overwork yourself on the good days. As a result, you may have little energy in reserve for bad days.

In time, muscle weakness and deterioration of the heart and lungs may occur. This widespread involvement may contribute to the feeling of poor

health and general weakness.

Treatment

There are many different kinds of treatment for rheumatoid arthritis; all of them depend to a great extent on you for success. In general, do everything possible to stay healthy, both physically and emotionally.

Medication. The main goal of drug therapy is to reduce the inflammation and pain of rheumatoid arthritis. A wide variety of effective inflammation-reducing drugs are available over-the-counter as well as by prescription. Your doctor will be very specific as to what particular medications you should use and how you should take them.

During acute flare-ups, corticosteroids — oral drugs related to cortisone (a natural hormone produced by the body) — may be prescribed occasionally to reduce inflammation. Corticosteroids are not innocuous drugs. If they are prescribed, make sure that you follow your doctor's instructions exactly. In some instances, it may be necessary to inject a corticosteroid directly into the joint to relieve pain and restore mobility. This procedure is performed under local anesthesia and will be explained to you more fully if the need arises.

There are several other types of drugs that may be used to treat arthritis. These drugs are usually reserved for more serious cases. Your doctor or a rheumatologist, a specialist in the field of arthritis, will decide if and when such treatment is appropriate.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a lifetime illness. Do not stop taking any medicines your doctor has prescribed, even if some days you have no symptoms at all.

Rest and diet. Regular periods of

rest should be worked into your schedule. Maintaining a routine that lets you get your work done without getting too tired may be of great benefit in coping with your condition.

There are no 'special' diets for rheumatoid arthritis; however, eating a balanced, nutritious diet every day is important to maintain your general health and to keep up your strength.

Exercise and heat. Regular exercises will also become part of your routine and help you maintain joint flexibility and improve muscle strength. Your doctor will recommend specific exercises for you to do on your own or in consultation with a physical therapist.

Heat and, sometimes, cold may be used to treat the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis by applying them directly to inflamed joints. Heating pads, hot water bottles, and heat lamps will help relieve joint pain and soreness and relax muscles. A hot shower or bath can be very effective in relieving morning stiffness. Cold compresses and ice packs are occasionally useful for relieving arthritis pain; they work by numbing sore areas.

Splints. Joint deformity can be prevented or at least reduced by wearing a splint. The splint may be worn just in the evening or also during the day; your doctor will decide when and if you need to wear one.

Surgery. Surgery is not required in most cases of rheumatoid arthritis. However, it is an effective means of treating more serious cases that require correction of joint deformity, relief from severe pain, and improvement in range of motion.

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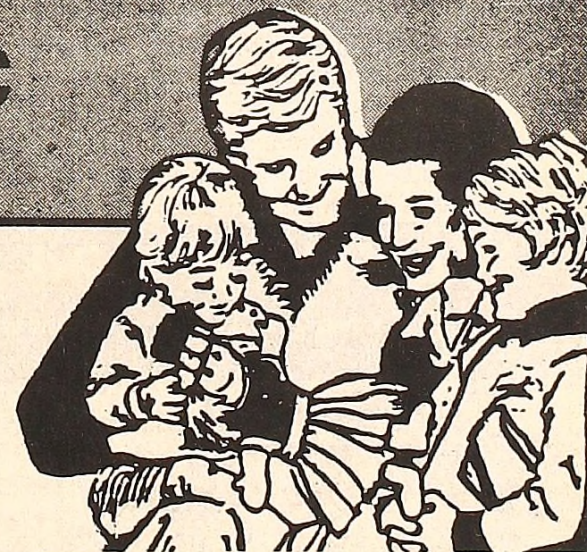
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Whenever possible, use a large joint rather than small ones to accomplish a task. Use your entire arm or shoulder, instead of your hand or fingertips, to push open a door. To open a jar, press the palm of your hand against the lid and twist your hand to the left, rather than grasping the lid with your fingertips.

Sit whenever you can. Use a chair or stool as much as you can while preparing meals, ironing, or talking on the telephone. When rising out of an armchair, press down on the chair arms with the palms of your hands.

Wear well-designed shoes. Your doctor or physical therapist can help you choose sensible, well-designed shoes to wear that will minimize the risk of foot deformity and disability.

Reduce or eliminate all unnecessary walking. Arrange your work areas so that things are within easy reach. Use trays or a wheeled cart to carry dishes and food from counter to table.

Reduce or eliminate all unnecessary bending, reaching, and stretching. A variety of simple and inexpensive devices are available to make dressing, bathing, meal preparation, and other routine daily activities easier and more comfortable. Contact your local chapter of the Arthritis Foundation for further information, as well as suggestions on modifying your home and workplace to protect your joints and make your life less fatiguing. □

we all shifted from neutral to reverse for our journey to line 11, I thought this to be incredible. We're cattle, this woman's the trail boss, and off we go to Kansas!

We Americans pride ourselves on being rugged, independent individuals. However, in certain instances, we all succumb to our inbred herding instincts. "Shall we all pet the cute little rattlesnake?" Sure thing! "Now, let's hold our breath until Garbo speaks." You betcha! Mooooo . . .

One of the best examples of this human-herd instinct is the standing ovation. After enduring two hours of the worst play in Thespian history, there's always some aficionado who rises up in feverish applause as the curtain falls. Soon another stands . . . and yet another. You suspect the standing ovation is celebrating the long-awaited end, but you're not sure. Perhaps the performance was brilliant, and maybe your art appreciation barely approaches that of Miss Piggy. So what do you do? Stand and crazily slap your hands together like all the other seals. Arf, arf, arf . . .

Freeway traffic jams — another potential cause of herding. At such times, have you noticed if one driver dares to escape on the shoulder of the road, others will soon follow? Immediately, it's a herding stampede! This can become ugly. Perhaps feeling guilty, these folks compensate by being defiant. With hat raked down over blazing eyes, a devil-may-care sneer pursing their lips, and jaw set in the locked position, they streak along the pavement edge like wild boars in desperate chase of today's entree. Snort, snort, snort . . .

Human Herds

by Tom Shamanski

"Everyone in line five, please listen. We will be moving to register 11. Please back up, remain in single file, and go to line 11."

Kmart, Sunday afternoon. Naturally, I happened to be in line five, along with 10 or 12 other obedient souls. As

There are, thank goodness, times when our herding instincts are good. They can, for example, range from immense concern and positive action regarding African starvation, to a few 'good-neighbor Sams' chipping in and doing lawn work for a sick friend. That's nice. These are times I'm proud to be part of the human herd. □

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| DAY | SPECIAL EVENTS | TIME (AM) | ROOM |
|-----|---|------------|-----------|
| 26 | No School — Mid-winter Break Day | | |
| 29 | Halecreek Hawk Award Drawing Positive Discipline Assembly | 8:50 | |
| DAY | WEEKLY ACTIVITIES | TIME (PM) | ROOM |
| M | After-School Basketball Program — 3rd Grade (Romulus Recreation) | 2:45-4:45 | Gym |
| | Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 7 | 2:45-4:30 | Cafeteria |
| | Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 6 | 2:45-4:30 | Art |
| | Karate Class | 6:00-8:00 | Gym |
| | Brownie Troop 291 | 6:30-7:45 | Cafeteria |
| T | After-School Basketball Program — 5th Grade (Romulus Recreation) | 2:45-4:45 | Gym |
| | Bible Club | 2:45-4:00 | Music |
| | Cub Scouts | 2:45-4:00 | Art |
| | Cub Scouts — Den 3 | 4:00-6:30 | Art |
| | Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius | 5:30-9:30 | Gym |
| | Brownie Troop 174 | 6:30-7:30 | Music |
| | 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month — Tiger Cubs | 6:30-7:30 | Art |
| | 3rd Tuesday of the Month — Cub Scout Adult Meeting | 7:00-9:00 | Art |
| W | After-School Basketball Program — 4th Grade (Romulus Recreation) | 2:45-4:45 | Gym |
| | Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius | 5:30-9:30 | Gym |
| T | After-School Basketball Program — 6th Grade (Romulus Recreation) | 2:45-4:45 | Gym |
| | Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius | 5:30-9:30 | Gym |
| | Girl Scout Troop 215 | 6:00-7:00 | Library |
| | Cub Scouts | 6:00-7:00 | Art |
| | Monthly Pack Meeting (on Last Thursday) | 7:00-9:00 | Cafeteria |
| F | Webelos Meeting | 5:00-6:00 | Art |
| | Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius | 5:30-9:30 | Gym |
| S | Romulus Recreation Saturday Program (Elementary Age) | 11:00-2:00 | Gym |

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Rev. and Mrs. Kelly pioneered the local Church and have made many friends in the area. They would like very much to meet them again in this closing day at the church.

Beginning at 10 a.m., good singing will highlight the morning session, followed by a message with Pastor Kelly. At the noon hour, a potluck dinner will be served. Then, at 2:30 p.m., there will be more good singing by a well-known country gospel singer, Doyle Garrett. The new Pastor, Rev. Tom Stafford, and his family will be introduced, and he will bring the afternoon message.

The evening service, beginning at 7 p.m., promises to be a grand climax. The Singing Kennedy Family, a widely known group, will be rendering beautiful southern gospel quartet numbers. The closing message will be brought by Rev. Robbins Wood, Pastor of the Walled Lake Assembly of God Church.

Prayer for the sick will be offered throughout the day. The public is cordially invited to attend and worship. The church is located at 36572 Goddard, at the corner of Sterling.

For further information, please call 941-6554. □



It's the Law

by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

Q. While playing in a neighbor's yard, my six-year-old son was seriously injured when the neighbor's dog attacked him, biting him on his face and body. Our family doctor advises that my son's scars are permanent. Fortunately, since the dog was properly inoculated, my son did not require a series of painful rabies shots. What are my rights?

A. Injuries due to dog bites are

not uncommon. Under Michigan Law, the dog's owner is strictly liable for injuries caused by the animal, even if the owner was unaware of the dog's vicious propensities. This is also true even if the dog had never bitten previously.

Most people who own homes carry homeowner's insurance. That is particularly true if the purchase of their home was financed through a mortgage company or other lending institution. Most mortgages require that a policy of homeowner's insurance be purchased to protect the lender's interest in the home. Most homeowner's insurance policies provide coverage for people injured on the insured's property, which normally includes dog-bite victims such as your son. Many homeowner's policies also include medical payment coverage in varying amounts, which will pay for medical treatment up to the coverage limit incurred as a result of injury while upon the insured's property. A typical homeowner's insurance policy provides \$1,000 of medical payment coverage. The medical payment provision in most policies will pay benefits to the injured party without regard to fault.

The only defense available to the homeowner or his insurance company is provocation. Michigan Law provides that there is no liability against the owner of a dog for injuries caused by that dog if the dog was provoked into attacking. For example, if your son had provoked the dog into attacking by kicking the dog or pulling its tail, the

defense of provocation could become an issue in the case. However, depending on the specific facts of each case, the defense of provocation may or may not be raised.

Even if you are not certain how the law may be applied to your specific case, it is always wise to seek a consultation with an attorney so that he or she may have an opportunity to discuss the specifics of your particular case and advise you accordingly. Many personal injury attorneys offer free consultations and would be happy to discuss the case with you in greater detail.

(The above question was answered with the assistance of Mark A. Sucher, an associate with the Royal Oak firm of Woll, Crowley, Berman, Olsman, and Nolan, P.C.) □

VILLAGE OF MOUNT PLEASANT

In 1835 the Township of Romulus (which was previously a part of Huron) was established by an act of Territorial Legislation. The white frame Mount Pleasant School, named for the village, was built in the 1840's on the southeast corner of Hannan and North Roads, but no longer stands. Pupils attended grades 1-8 in it for almost 100 years. Donors of this plaque: Frederick W. Hay, Leon L. LeBlanc and Jasper L. Moore, are native to this area and graduated from the original one-room Mount Pleasant School.

VILLAGE OF MOUNT PLEASANT County of Wayne Township of Romulus, Michigan

Mount Pleasant was the first village to be platted (1835) in the Township of Romulus, here on this pleasant sandy elevation, in the southwest corner of the township. Indian trails and wolves traversed these wild lands. The once thriving village on the banks of the Huron River included a hotel and store combined. Johnson's sawmill (to the south) and several dwellings. Also headquarters for a notorious gang of counterfeiters who made thousands of dollars of bogus silver coins, the village went into a decline after the gang leader was captured in 1839.

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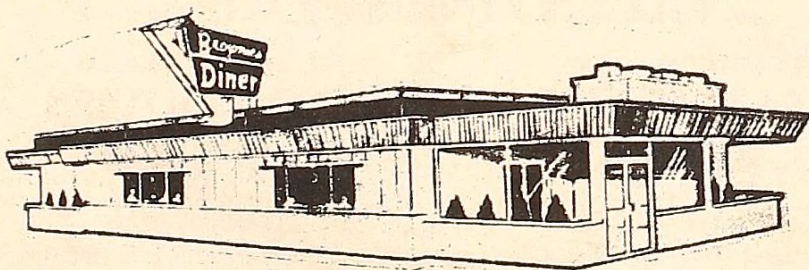
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livery room when he was born, so there seems to be a closeness and special feeling in my heart for this young fella that can't be matched.

But that doesn't mean that I love him any more than his three-month-old brother, Ronald David. Although I wasn't in the room when he was born, I was there at the hospital and saw him as soon as possible afterward, and he, too, has a special place in my heart. In fact, it's hard to believe that there could be a heart big enough to hold all the love that I feel for these two very special Valentines.

My future son-in-law: I guess it's hard to let one of your 'best girls' go off with 'another man.' Even though Ronald Dwayne and I have had problems in the past, they seem to be taking care of themselves, and I grow to love him more each day.

My mother-in-law: Many people make fun of their mother-in-law, but I can't do that with any honesty. Mary has been very good to me (as I'm sure most mothers-in-law are, if the truth were told). She has worked really hard at her family's side, and has never refused to do any chore that I have asked of her. I really would not consider her a mother-in-law, but rather a second mother with lots of love to share.

My mother: She's the woman who brought me into this world, nursed me through many sicknesses, and provid-

ed me with the love and care that only a mother can. A true friend she has always been; one that constantly gives without asking anything in return, one that comforted my complete soul when it seemed that the world was against me. My mom is a very special Valentine to me.

And then there are my friends: both those people who are close to me now and those who have passed away and are missed so much.

Last, but certainly not least, are you readers. You have provided us at the paper with a warmth that is unexplainable — a love, if you will, that not many ever get the opportunity to share the way we have with you.

As you read this article, I sincerely hope you feel the warmth and love coming from our hearts and reaching out to you — you, each and every one — our very special Valentines. □

Worth Thinking About

by Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus

When was the last time you read the Bible?

Think of it — the great God of all the universe has communicated to us in written form! We have the Word of God in our language, and many of us don't read it! God has spoken, and we

aren't listening!

The Bible is not like any other book you will read. Its Author is divine, its message supernatural, and its power unlimited. God says His Word is "... quick (living), and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword ..." Hebrews 4:12. The Word of God will show you *what* you are and *who* God is. The Bible will show you how to be right with God and know *for sure* that you have eternal life.

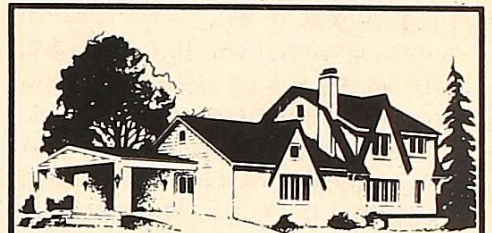
You may be thinking, "But, I don't believe the Bible." My simple question is, "Have you read it?" Give the Bible opportunity to speak for itself. It will change your life.

My challenge to you is to read the Bible. Promise yourself that you will set aside five minutes per day for one month to read the Bible. Begin with the Gospel of John. John 20:31 says that the book was written, "... that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

The day is coming when every single person who ever lived will stand before God and be judged according to the Word of God. Since you will be judged by the Bible, wouldn't it be wise to be familiar with what you are accountable for?

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Obituary

Hunter B. Woodall

Hunter B. Woodall, age 69, a Romulus resident, died January 31, 1988, at University Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Hunter was the beloved husband of Mary A. (Short) Woodall, to whom he had been married for 37 years. He is survived by his children, Hugh M. Woodall of Romulus, Lawrence A. Woodall of Ypsilanti, John R. Woodall of Washington, D.C., Dwight D. Woodall of Wayne, and Mrs. John (Angela L.) Stenman of Belleville; his brother, John B. Woodall of Drayton Plains, Michi-

gan; and by nine grandchildren.

Hunter was a retired employee of the General Motors-Cadillac Plant, and was also a member of the U.A.W. and Wayne Masonic Lodge #112-FAM.

Funeral services were held at the Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, on Wednesday, February 3. The Rev. Jack Story, from Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, officiated. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton, Michigan. Arrangements were made by Baum-Crane Funeral Home. □

New Arrivals

Benjamin Walter Ruffolo

Bennie and Alice Ruffolo, of Huron River Drive, Romulus, are pleased to announce the birth of their new grandchild, Benjamin Walter Ruffolo.

Benjamin was born on January 25, 1988, at 3:16 p.m. in Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 20".

Benjamin's parents, Mickey and Ann Ruffolo, welcomed him warmly into his new home on Hannan Road in New Boston, and maternal grandparents Walter and Gertrude Bilski, of Westwood in Detroit, are also happy with their newest family member.

Kristine Marie Plank

Romulus residents Craig A. and

Amanda K. Plank, of Goddard Road, are pleased to announce the birth of their new daughter, Kristine Marie Plank.

Kristine was born on January 11, 1988, at Henry Ford Hospital at 11:01 a.m. She measured 20 1/4" and weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz.

She is also welcomed by her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Savage, and her paternal grandmother, Donna J. Plank, all of Romulus.

Linsay Marie Green

James and Cathy Green, of Neville in Romulus, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Linsay Marie Green.

Linsay was born in Oakwood Hospital on January 20, 1988, at 3:29 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 20".

The Romulus News

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Romulus-resident maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Claxton, and paternal grandfather, Mr. Clyde Green, are also pleased about the latest arrival. □



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Tax Tips

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Deductible Taxes

Q. I neglected to pay real estate taxes on my home for two years. This year I realized my house could be sold for back taxes and I paid all of the taxes due. Can I claim all three years of taxes paid as an itemized deduction on my tax return this year?

A. Yes. For a cash basis taxpayer, taxes are deductible only in the year in which they are paid, regardless of when they were due. If the amount of real estate taxes for the three years — plus your other itemized deductions — exceeds your standard deduction amount, it will be to your benefit to itemize. □

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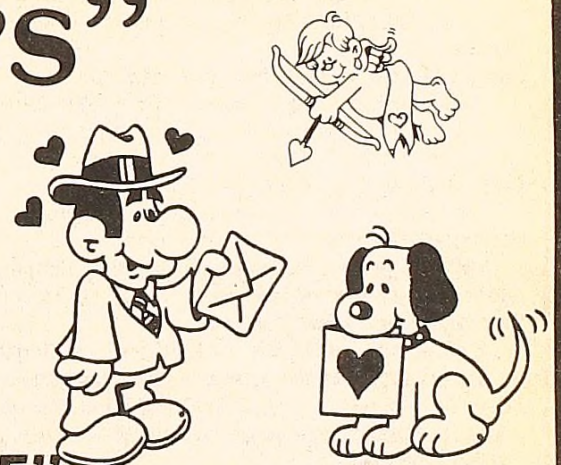
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Regular Meeting, January 11, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, January 11, 1988, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:35 P.M.

Roll call showed Members Langley absent (excused) and Wilkerson absent (excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Approval of Agenda:

1/88/1 Moved by King supported by Berlenn the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1/88/2 Moved by Berlenn supported by King the Board approve the Minutes of December 14, 1987, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

There were no communications and expressions from the public at this meeting.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. Retirement: John Giannetti, Warehouseman - Admin. Complex, Eff. 12/31/87. Addendum: **A. Retirement:** Dorothy Stillwagon, Bus Driver, Eff. 12/22/87, **B. Extension - Leave of Absence:** Diane Milligan, Security Guard - Sr. High, Continuing Education, Present - July 1, 1988.

1/88/3 Moved by Berlenn supported by King the Board of Education approve the Personnel Actions and Addendum as presented by Dr. LeCesne above. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/88/4 Moved by Bales supported by Berlenn the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7th Grade Sex Education Program

1/88/5 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlenn the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 7th grade Life Science Reproductive Health/Human Sexuality Unit as presented for implementation second semester with the addition of a one-page summary at the end. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Proposed Senior Trip

1/88/6 Moved by King supported by Bales the Board approve the 1988 Senior Class Trip aboard the Cruise Ship M/S Scandinavian Star with a stop in Mexico. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Enrollment Data - Stanfred Consultants

Dr. Bedell discussed this item with Board Members and informed them of the roll of Daverman Associates, Inc. There was no action taken regarding said item at this meeting. Mr. Chen to be present to discuss this item at January 25 meeting.

Discussion of Possible Election Date

There was no action taken regarding this item at this meeting.

Newspaper Review

1/88/7 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board of Education table this item and refer same to legal counsel. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Security Supervision Contract

1/88/8 Moved by Berlenn supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the amended job description presented titled, "Night Security Supervisor" dated January 11, 1988; said job description to replace previous description as a part of our contract with Hampton Security. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Kesner). Motion carried.

Airport Lobbyist

1/88/9 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board continue support for January, 1988. Messrs. Kosteva and Harrington from Karoub & Associates will be invited to the January 25 meeting to further discuss this matter. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Article on Carl Morris; 2) DCC Letter - Monitoring Report; 3) State Aid Cut; 4) Finance Committee Minutes; 5) State Letter on Alternate Count Date; 6) Taylor Letter - Policy Plans; 7) Letter of Praise - NJROTC; 8) State Conference; 9) County Conference; and 10) Important Dates.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Kesner - asked about interim wage agreements for substitute employees. He also asked the status of Beverly School repairs and lease.

Member King - brought to attention of Board the Conference at Wayne County Intermediate Schools scheduled for January 23, 1988. She asked for topics for April Wayne County Conference.

Executive Session - Negotiations

1/88/10 Moved by King supported by Berlenn the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:53 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:29 P.M.

Adjournment:

1/88/11 Moved by Berlenn supported by Bales the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Romulus Little League 1988

Boys and Girls!

Once again, it's time to sign up for the Romulus Little League, 1988. We of the Romulus Little League staff are looking forward to seeing you at registration, which will be held on the following dates at the Romulus Recreation Department:

February 13 — 12 to 3 p.m.

February 16 — 7 to 9 p.m.

Fees for the 1988 season are:

\$20 for one child

\$30 for a family

We are forming teams from T-Ball through Big League. If you have played in Romulus Little League before, you will not need your birth certificate at the day of registration, but if you have never played you will need to bring it with you.

Any questions should be directed to President Conrad Jager, 941-1173 (after 6 p.m.), or Vice-President Shirley Markowski Lange (after 6 p.m.).

We are looking forward to a good season, so remember these dates!

Thank you,

Romulus Little League Staff □

From the A.D.

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Activities Director

On Saturday, I had the privilege of watching what dedication and hard work toward a goal can accomplish.

One year ago, I watched a group of young men come back from a tournament very depressed and dejected because our League members decided that they would allow our wrestlers to compete in the South Central Conference meet, but because we were not 'totally' in the League, we would not be able to 'win' the meet. Needless to say, we 'won' the meet by a large margin.

Since that evening, our wrestling coaches and team made a goal to capture that title that they so deserved. On Saturday, they accomplished that goal.

What allows a program to rise to championship level in one of the most prestigious leagues in the State in its first year? As an outside observer, I see three main elements leading to this success.

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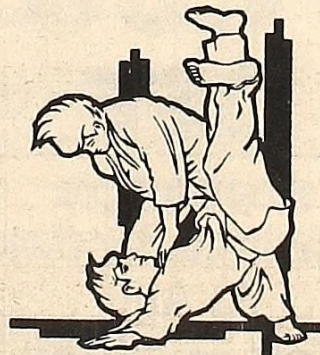
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From The A.D.

sport played on teams. When you're on that mat, you are there by yourself with just your opponent. There is no one to make the pass or help on the tackle. I watched these young men working out the last three weeks, often until 10:30 or 11 p.m., to reach this level of success.

Second is the care and concern of the coaching staff and the time spent by our wrestling staff throughout the year to develop a solid program. Their effort was beyond belief.

The third element may be the most important of all, and that's parent and community support. Although the number of fans is not huge, those that are there rally totally behind the wrestlers and it shows in the performance of these fine athletes.

Don't get me wrong. As in all of our programs, wrestling definitely has some qualities that it can improve upon, but it is inspiring to know that, with hard work and dedication, our athletes can and will be successful in our new league.

All of our programs will not have the immediate success as did wrestling, but the future looks bright for our programs. We have a solid nucleus of young male and female athletes and, contrary to many beliefs, we have a hard-working, dedicated staff to work with our athletes. The four schools in our league have two resources to draw from that we have to reckon with in the future. Their facilities are all larger, allowing more involvement by more teams at younger grade levels, and, more important, is that all four opponents are in college towns, and have those staffs and facilities to draw from. That slight advantage is something that our staff and athletes will have to overcome as we stumble through our first few years in this league.

Every cloud has a silver lining, though, and my appreciation and congratulations go to our wrestlers for showing us ours. I am glad that we are in the South Central Conference, and I hope we continue to improve our facilities, staffs and athletes at all levels to become consistent contenders in all sports in this very fine, competitive group of programs. □

RHS Wrestlers' First of Many!

Congratulations to the Romulus High School Wrestling program, as on Saturday, February 6, our grapplers captured what we all hope is the first of many South Central Conference championships.

Behind the first-place finishes of senior Tony Venturini, sophomore Tim Kosikowski, sophomore Bruce Boyd, junior Rick Champagne, senior Dennis Corder, and junior heavyweight Paul Nowicki, the Eagles rolled up a 52-point victory over second-place Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Coach Schimming assessed the championship team's victory this way: "Our kids worked all week with nothing else in mind but this tournament. We actually won it last year, but, because of a technicality, we were not allowed to claim the victory. So our guys vowed last year to come back and take first place, and did they ever! We had nine of our guys in the finals, with Don DuFore, David Gehringer, and Ralph Farrell losing tough matches. Most important is that we lose only two of our wrestlers from today. We have 11 coming back to defend this championship, and it is in our gym next year. We plan to keep our number-one status, and, with the way these guys work, I do not think we will have too much of a problem."

Once again, congratulations to the 1987-88 wrestlers for putting the Romulus Eagle Program on top of the SCC for the first time. □

More Wrestling News

The Varsity Wrestling team enters the State competition next week with high hopes for doing very well.

Led by Head Coach Wayne Schimming and Assistant Coach Norman Butler, the Eagle wrestlers have captured a third place in the prestigious John Glenn Invitational, two second-place finishes at Toledo Waite and Trenton, and have captured the championship trophy at the Lincoln Park Tournament, the Monroe Invitational, and our own Romulus Invitational.

Coach Schimming assesses the team's chances this way: "We have a young team that has worked very hard to get where they are now. We have some people who we expect to do very well in the State meet, and if some of our younger wrestlers can surprise some people, that could be the lift we need to finish high in the State rankings."

Expected to do well in Districts this year are Tony Venturini, currently ranked third in his class in the State; Tim Kosikowski, Bruce Boyd, Paul Nowicki, Rick Champagne and Dennis Corder.

Coach Norman Butler added, "There is no reason why we can't have all 13 of our wrestlers come out of districts. At times this year, all of them have shown signs of State-level ability, and, although they have stiff competition,

Ralph Farrell, Randy Rhoden, Don DuFore, Scott Murawski, and David Gehringer should do very well. I really feel a couple of these young men may surprise some people this year."

The overall won-lost records for our Varsity grapplers are: Tony Venturini (33-1), David Gehringer (23-13), Tim Kosikowski (32-4), Bruce Boyd (27-7), Dennis Corder (27-8), Rick Champagne (29-8), Ralph Farrell (24-11), Randy Rhoden (8-9), Don DuFore (19-15), David Davidson (1-3), Paul Nowicki (31-2), Scott Murawski (9-19), and Brian Farnan (2-2). □

Lady Eagle Track Team

The Lady Eagle Track team is looking forward to an exciting season. Practice will begin toward the end of February, and, with 10 letter-winners coming back, we should be more competitive in the South Central Conference this year.

All girls, grades seven through 12, are encouraged to sign up at their schools. Track offers something for almost everyone. Some of the events are: high jump, long jump, 100- and 200-meter sprints, shot put, discus, quarter mile, half mile, mile, and two mile. Also, there are various relay teams and the hurdles.

So, if you're interested in getting into excellent shape and feeling good about yourself and your accomplishments, sign up now. At the High School, we definitely need more freshmen and juniors to sign up.

We are scheduled for 12 dual meets and two invitationals, in addition to the League, Regional, and State meet. This should be a fun and challenging year for all the girls who get involved. □

Varsity Basketball

The Eagle Basketball team is suffering through one of the toughest seasons in the recent history of our always-solid program. Coach Dan Henry explained this season, saying, "We have some excellent ball players on this team, but we can't seem to put four quarters together in a night. Friday, we had Ypsilanti down by six points and had a four-minute let down, and we ended up getting beaten by 13 (70-57). It seems like the whole year has been 28 minutes of good, solid basketball, and four minutes of nothing, and we're out of the game."

"We can't talk about being young anymore," coach Henry added. "Our seniors are doing very well for us, with Brent Bonam averaging 17 points per game and 10 rebounds, and Willie Maull going at a 10-points-per-game and six-assists-per-game clip. Our underclassmen have to start picking up the slack for us before we enter the State competition, or this year will be a total wipe out. We have a solid nucleus returning next year, but this team has enough talent to finish strong this season."

This Eagles will face Willow Run, Milan, and Wyandotte next, before returning to League competition. "If the kids don't give up on themselves and

just play each game as a warm-up for Districts, I really believe we will be ready for post-season play. You cannot dwell on what's happened, you can only plan for what's going to happen, and that is what these young men have to do now." □

Junior Varsity Basketball

The J.V. Basketball team moved its record in the last week to 4-7 with a victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer (56-50) and a loss in a closely contested Ypsilanti game (60-48).

The young Eagles are being led this season by sophomore Maurice Bridges, averaging 17 points and 15 rebounds per game. Helping at forward this season are sophomore Kelvin Brown (10 points per game, eight rebounds) and Larry Perkins (eight points per game, eight rebounds). Alonzo Moore and Torry Mills are controlling the ball for the young Eagles, with five points per game and three assists, and 12 points per game and four assists, respectively.

Coach Ron Harper is impressed with his bench play this year, as, "We are getting about 20 points per game from our bench." Coach Harper added, "We play good, solid defense, with Eric Robinson's defensive play leading the team."

"We stay in every game and seem to go a little flat at the end, and it costs us, but we are improving, and I really believe that many of these guys will be good Varsity players." □

Junior Varsity Volleyball

The J.V. Volleyball team has just completed several games against stiff competitors and, once again, has been very successful.

On Saturday, January 29, the J.V.s played in the Monroe Jefferson J.V. Tournament. There were 15 teams involved, with the Eagles participating in this tournament for the first time.

In pool play, Romulus defeated Ida (15-9, 15-1), Airport (15-8, 15-7), and Trenton (15-7, 15-12), but then lost to Bedford (9-15, 6-15). The Eagles then moved into the championship round and defeated Ann Arbor Huron (15-10, 15-2), and, in the semifinal match, beat Monroe St. Mary's (15-10, 15-6).

The finals proved to be a tough contest, as again Romulus faced Bedford. The Eagles lost to the Mules (15-11, 6-15, 0-15) and, for the third time this year, Romulus has made the finals, only to finish in second place. But the J.V.s played hard and with a lot of pride, and are determined to win a tournament this year.

Parents' Night saw a victory over League-rival Ypsilanti (15-7, 15-6). In the League, the J.V.s have posted a 6-0 record. Overall this season, their won-lost record has improved to a respectable 19-5 mark.

Leading players for these games include: Chris Stratton, who set a new J.V. record for sets leading to kills (142); Susan Hamel, who leads the team in kills (69); Jennifer Daniel, who leads in service points (202) and serve reception.

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Jr. Varsity Volleyball

tions (148); and two freshmen subs, Brooke Hammers and Sue Molenda, who have done a great job when called upon. Also, Michele Scarrow and Jennifer Daniel lead the team in the key stat, serve percent (94%).

At Parents' Night, the J.V. team got a chance to honor the moms and dads who help the team out so much during the year. Also, the sophomores got a chance to start the game against Ypsilanti, and included in the lineup were: Chris Stratton (Captain), Susan Hamel (Captain), Stacy Cowens, Rose Trosin, Yvette Mason, and Melissa Spears. These players will be truly missed next year as they move up to the Varsity squad.

This past Saturday, our J.V. volleyballers competed in the 12-team Gibraltar Carlson Tournament. Having defeated Trenton, Allen Park and Gabriel Richards' teams, the young Eagles moved into the final four playoffs against an always-powerful Tecumseh program. The Eagles dropped the first

game, 15-8, but behind the backline play and service points of freshman Jennifer Daniel and the fine setting and hitting of sophomores Chris Stratton and Stacey Cowen, the Eagles rallied together to a 15-6 victory. In the final game of the match, Tecumseh took charge early with strong serving and hitting, and simply overwhelmed the young Eagles 15-1, leaving them with a third-place finish in the tournament.

The team will put its (22-6) won-lost record on the line against League foes Ann Arbor Huron and Adrian on the next two Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the High School gym, before defending its championship on February 20 at Lincoln Park.

"The future of our program looks very bright," Coach Dennis Stoh said, and added, "I just wish that some of our students and fans would come and see this fine group at its best."

Come out to our games. You won't be disappointed. □

Junior High Band Sets All-Time Medal Record at District Festival

Romulus Junior High Band students won an all-time record of 114 medals at the District Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival. The Festival was held on Saturday, January 30, at Livonia Franklin Senior High School. In all, 84 different Romulus students participated and 77 different students accounted for the 114 medals. Twenty groups earned first-division or superior ratings and 27 groups earned second-division ratings. Eight of the groups earned all 'A's, including an 'A' in each of five categories rated by the judges.

Band Director Richard Kruse wished to thank the parents for spending their Saturday with their children, and transporting and supporting their musical efforts. He also wishes to thank the entire Junior High staff for the cooperation and help in preparing the students for this effort.

First Division Ratings were earned by: [All 'A's] Diane Zemke, Kai Smith, and Tanya Jackson (flute trio); Kim Bramlett, Jill Howard, and Jessica Austria (clarinet trio); Lakesha Holmes and Angela Thompkins (flute duet); Andrea Wolfgang and Michelle Luttermoser (flute duet); Eve Jones, Denise Hogue, and Jennifer McClure (flute trio); Maria Deleone and Trinity Gervais (flute duet); Amanda Kesner and Barbara Markowski (flute duet); Angelec Moore and Jana Seniff (flute duet); [first with predominance of 'A's] Tim Howell and Aaron Young (cornet and baritone duet); Susan Kreft and Diane Zemke (flute duet); Jana Seniff and Amanda Kesner (flute duet); Jeff Luttermoser and Everette Robbins (cornet duet); Billy Garland, Michelle Goodman, and James Moore (saxophone trio); Eve Jones and Jennifer McClure (flute duet); Laura Madison and Denise Hogue (flute

duet); Jack Farmer, Jeff Luttermoser, and Everette Robbins (baritone and cornet trio); Andrea Johnson, Rory Rangel, Andrea Brown, and Jeanette Barnhardt (clarinet quartet); Stephanie Webb and Naomi Tennille (French horn duet); William Thomas and P.J. Sample (trombone duet); Trisha Cox, Desseri Markham, and Tammy Gooch (clarinet trio).

Second Division Ratings were earned by: Michelle Habicht, Kristen Baker, and Heather Santos (flute trio); Tanya Jackson and Kai Smith (flute duet); Susan Kreft and Tara Wood (flute duet); Rory Rangel and Andrea Johnson (oboe and bassoon duet); Barbara Markowski and Tara Wood (flute duet); William Thomas and P.J. Sample (trombone duet); Reginald Thompkins, Miranda Spurlock, Heidi Bussard, and Jason Burkitt (saxophone quartet); Keith Parks and Gerald Tarpley (trombone duet); Andrea Brown, Rory Rangel, and Jeanette Barnhardt (clarinet trio); Kim Molly, Andrea Johnson, and Michelle Todd (clarinet and cornet trio); Meredith Avery and Stephanie Carr (cornet duet); Aaron Young and Dakewah McCord (baritone duet); Bracken Spencer and Jesse Flores (cornet duet); Michelle Todd, Susan Carroll, and Heather Weinschenk (clarinet trio); Jack Farmer and Steve Banko (baritone duet); Danyelle Hackney, Linda Ditsch, Laurie Sperry, and Darcy Sheposh (clarinet quartet); Tim Howell and Robert Graham (cornet duet); Michelle Mullins, Naomi Tennille, and Stephanie Webb (French horn trio); Lakesha Holmes (flute solo); Robert Graham (piano solo); Elizabeth Greca and Toya White (cornet duet); Ed Kerr and Gerald Wilkerson (snare drum duet); Heidi Bussard, Laurie Sperry, Amy Young, and Lynette Lewis (clari-

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Third Division Ratings were earned

by: Dan Miller, Jocelyn Underwood, and Robin Reilly (clarinet trio); Katrina Roscoe and Kyobe Jones (cornet duet); Crystal Gibson and William Thomas (trombone duet); Brandy Arce, Jocelyn Underwood, and Robin Reilly (clarinet trio); Lynette Lewis, Heidi Bussard, and Amy Young (clarinet trio). □

Scholarship Competition Winners

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary recently sponsored the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition, with VFW Post #9568, Romulus, serving as the local sponsor. In this competition, students were asked to submit a composition on the theme of "American Democracy: Our Heritage."

The first-place prize of a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond went to Romulus High School junior Mark Wehrmeister, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wehrmeister. Mark also took third place in the District Four competition, and received an additional \$100 bond.

The second-place award went to junior Jodee Jernigan, who received a \$300 bond. Jodee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jernigan.

Junior Erika Luster, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Luster, took third place, winning a \$200 bond.

An awards ceremony took place on Thursday, January 14, 1988, in the High School auditorium. Mr. Anthony Kmet of VFW Post #9568 was the local chairman, and Mayor Beverly McAnally, City Clerk Linda Choate, and Treasurer James Napiorkowski presented the awards to the winners. □



(left to right) Front Row: Mark Wehrmeister, Jodee Jernigan, Erika Luster; Back Row: Anthony Kmet, Mayor Beverly McAnally, City Clerk Linda Choate, Treasurer James Napiorkowski

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